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This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Code Classification of United States Customs Districts and Ports, January 1, 1967 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities, which appears in the January 1970 issue of Report FT 410, may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective with the statistics for January 1970, the export statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $251 and over to countries other than Canada. For Canada, data are fully compiled for shipments individually valued at $2,000 and over while data for shipments valued $251-$1,999 are estimated from a 10-percent sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown for North America include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a 2 chances out of 3 basis) of value totals. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000 - $1,000,000	.40	1.00		
$100,000 - $500,000	.45	.55	.85	1.00
$20,000 - $100,000	.65	.65	.65	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Generally less than $10,000			

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The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 5-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	78,614	(X)	20,313	7,579	37,956	9,210	1,391	1,648	534,328	(X)	73,344	33,740	309,858	86,523	11,437	10,584
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	28,911	8,233	2,424	13,486	3,884	297	377	(X)	202,591	32,259	9,057	108,894	42,444	3,201	2,581
St. Albans, Vt.....	39	36	36	-	3	-	-	(Z)	142	88	88	-	33	-	-	21
Boston, Mass.....	1,956	991	303	-	1,589	32	23	10	17,867	10,831	1,885	-	15,188	368	330	95
Buffalo, N.Y.....	236	235	234	-	1	-	-	-	1,929	1,858	1,908	-	21	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	34,912	11,013	2,814	2,156	24,400	4,386	215	941	289,534	91,446	17,790	13,243	213,495	35,550	2,230	7,226
Philadelphia, Pa.....	868	533	39	(Z)	759	58	2	9	6,496	4,777	229	15	5,402	688	16	146
Baltimore, Md.....	68	68	42	-	22	2	-	3	489	483	87	-	365	23	-	13
Savannah, Ga.....	218	187	62	-	132	-	-	24	750	434	241	-	228	-	-	281
Tampa, Fla.....	42	(Z)	42	-	(Z)	-	-	-	78	(Z)	75	-	3	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	567	195	522	34	8	(Z)	1	1	1,455	647	1,234	101	111	3	3	5
Laredo, Tex.....	231	164	228	3	-	-	-	-	859	650	833	25	-	-	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	82	82	80	-	1	-	-	-	586	586	524	-	62	-	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	92	62	87	-	4	-	-	-	368	132	181	-	187	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	4,498	1,931	1,110	186	1,676	1,127	354	45	51,098	18,876	9,054	1,752	19,025	17,895	2,938	434
San Francisco, Calif...	2,347	1,160	113	22	290	1,590	324	8	29,940	15,463	914	269	3,366	20,714	4,587	89
Portland, Oreg.....	71	71	5	-	65	(Z)	-	(Z)	1,125	1,125	10	-	1,104	10	-	1
Seattle, Wash.....	753	567	263	1	221	263	4	1	7,166	3,662	1,791	4	3,328	2,004	24	16
Anchorage, Alaska.....	19	14	14	-	2	3	-	-	565	406	396	-	49	120	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	62	30	(Z)	-	1	32	28	-	684	202	21	-	53	251	358	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	43	43	43	-	-	-	-	-	229	229	229	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	274	274	140	-	15	118	-	(Z)	3,052	3,047	976	-	161	1,912	-	3
Duluth, Minn.....	7	7	6	-	(Z)	1	-	-	395	395	382	-	(Z)	12	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	2,336	2,218	359	(Z)	1,901	12	25	39	10,373	9,672	1,815	(Z)	8,316	101	24	117
Chicago, Ill.....	5,865	2,854	2,338	3	3,004	421	2	96	32,525	17,274	9,514	11	19,041	3,424	17	517
Cleveland, Ohio.....	576	95	519	-	50	7	(Z)	(Z)	2,645	449	2,264	-	290	90	1	1
St. Louis, Mo.....	46	46	4	-	39	3	-	(Z)	280	280	25	-	221	33	-	1
San Juan, P.R.....	742	662	717	15	5	-	-	5	1,428	922	965	131	332	-	-	1
Miami, Fla.....	9,543	4,452	5,135	4,278	127	2	1	1	28,323	11,608	11,190	15,991	1,101	4	22	14
Houston, Tex.....	856	446	367	74	148	118	9	140	4,966	1,908	1,255	319	1,539	924	174	755
Washington, D.C.....	549	181	15	78	360	19	(Z)	77	10,498	680	62	356	10,015	35	2	29
All other districts....	190	82	23	30	14	64	58	1	406	305	36	52	109	165	41	4
Shipments under $251...	10,008	(NA)	4,651	700	3,116	950	344	247	19,233	(NA)	7,368	1,471	6,713	2,196	667	817
Special Category.....	517	209	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	8,841	4,155	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero. D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons. NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent

Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	48,719	X	7,634	4,040	27,174	9,321	285	214	252,771	X	27,764	7,159	147,423	64,891	2,068	3,403
U.S. flag carriers.....	X	21,857	3,465	1,351	11,055	5,840	90	54	X	127,268	11,132	3,031	65,719	44,740	1,087	1,559
St. Albans, Vt.....	15	10	13	-	2	-	-	-	182	130	158	-	24	-	-	-
Boston, Mass..	3,890	1,893	27	11	2,423	30	1	9	10,256	5,941	300	32	9,504	398	2	20
Buffalo, N.Y..	144	139	129	-	14	Z	-	Z	1,041	983	834	-	172	7	-	27
New York City, N.Y.....	21,795	9,737	652	1,206	17,101	2,705	110	120	129,140	54,623	3,883	4,252	98,260	20,484	695	1,566
Philadelphia, Pa.....	398	274	5	18	369	3	1	2	5,314	4,493	113	1	4,128	29	5	1,037
Baltimore, Md.....	82	68	8	9	62	3	-	-	613	581	323	18	263	8	-	-
Savannah, Ga....	89	38	35	-	30	-	-	24	721	142	182	-	60	-	-	480
Tampa, Fla.....	96	68	65	6	3	23	-	-	193	48	60	6	102	24	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	272	156	244	2	26	Z	-	-	239	164	133	31	73	3	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	207	180	206	Z	1	-	-	-	235	93	229	2	4	-	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	5	5	4	-	Z	1	-	-	229	220	216	-	1	12	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	7	-	5	-	3	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	2,428	1,683	242	28	650	1,842	63	3	25,531	13,522	5,313	174	5,439	13,894	683	28
San Francisco, Calif...	2,493	1,771	67	5	186	2,186	45	3	23,119	14,894	1,280	24	1,939	19,365	474	36
Portland, Oreg..... ..	41	41	7	-	41	-	-	-	234	223	10	-	224	-	-	-
Seattle, Wash.....	294	245	61	-	55	178	Z	-	3,029	2,653	712	-	518	1,798	2	-
Anchorage, Alaska.....	5	2	1	-	3	1	-	-	62	6	13	-	45	4	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.... ..	64	28	9	Z	2	43	10	-	537	269	28	1	44	364	100	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	73	73	73	-	-	-	-	-	313	313	313	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	12	12	8	-	4	Z	-	-	96	92	81	-	15	Z	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	153	151	28	Z	18	107	-	-	1,341	1,306	419	2	454	466	-	-
Duluth, Minn.....	5	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	579	410	579	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit, Mich....	733	650	104	-	619	9	-	-	5,519	4,960	761	-	4,729	29	-	-
Chicago, Ill.....	2,750	1,573	362	Z	1,461	919	1	6	18,430	10,377	3,893	7	8,580	5,907	18	25
Cleveland, Ohio.....	155	17	96	-	30	28	-	-	1,117	412	546	-	187	384	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	22	19	Z	-	21	Z	-	-	118	109	7	-	110	1	-	-
San Juan, P.R.....	1,335	348	926	239	162	8	-	1	1,523	536	544	205	735	35	-	3
Miami, Fla.....	5,202	2,419	2,809	2,313	71	9	Z	-	7,702	3,248	4,803	2,025	841	32	Z	-
Houston, Tex.....	254	176	136	26	85	4	Z	3	3,270	2,018	483	165	2,396	87	8	131
Washington, D.C.....	397	385	30	-	359	8	-	Z	4,540	4,436	20	-	4,444	76	-	Z
All other districts....	170	10	166	-	3	Z	Z	-	195	67	157	-	22	1	15	-
Shipments under $251...	6,026	NA	1,120	177	3,368	1,214	54	42	7,347	NA	1,366	215	4,107	1,479	65	52

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